

Application No. 09/825,154

Reply to Office Action dated February 10, 2004

REMARKS

Claims 1-103 and 109-115 currently stand allowed, while the Examiner has rejected claims 104-108 and 116-141 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Burke et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,446,076).

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the pending claims. While Applicants disagree that the prior art renders obvious any of the previously pending claims, Applicants have canceled claims 104-108 and 116-141 in order to expedite prosecution. Thus, all of the pending claims 1-103 and 109-115 are allowed. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (206) 622-4900.

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